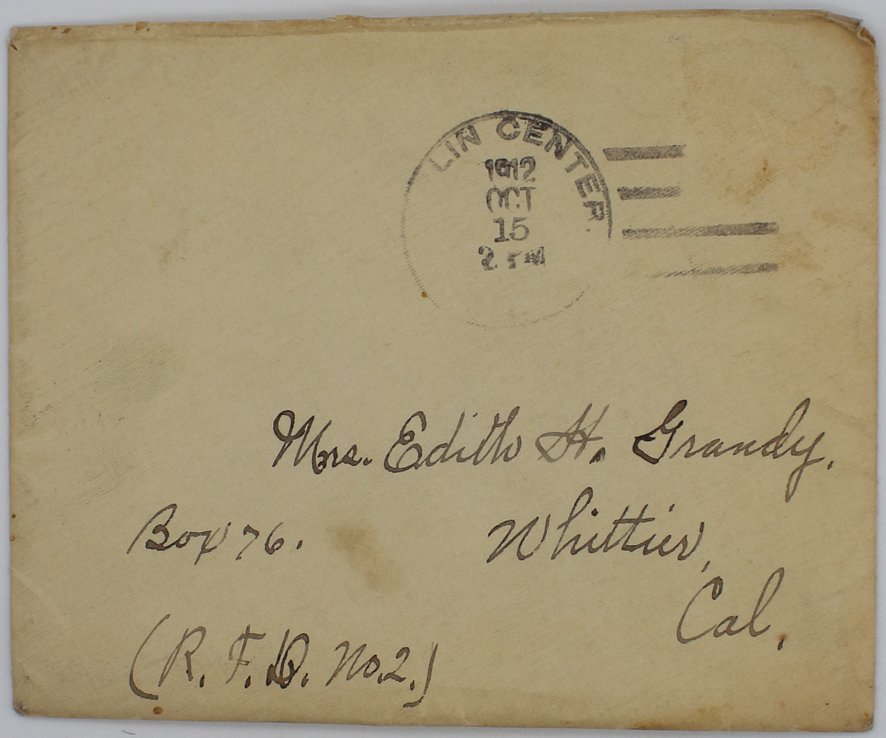

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Dear Cousin Edith and family.

Your letter received and very glad to hear from you for it has been so long since you wrote us last. We are all quite well at this time. Mama of course is quite feeble and at times is real poorly, then some days is around just like she use to be only not able to do much. You must remember she is not so young is about 78 years and has kidney trouble quite bad at times

But you wrote about Papa and talked as if you did not know that he is dead these 2 years. I wrote you at the time and if you had never heard I suppose the letter got lost. He had no desease just worn out and was 81 years when he left us.

Now my husband, Audalegie and I live here with Mama. Jack is a lumberman and has saw mill over north of Berlin in a big woods and is busy very day. And if he did not have work around here I don't know what Mama would do here, for she is not

able to stay alone any more. Andalegue is now a big girl almost 14 years old and she is the only baby I have. So we are just a family of 4 when we are alone.

But now you want to know about Aunt Mary. She died of leakage of the heart; was only sick about 2 weeks the first week Mama and us looked after her, then we sent for her two grand children, the oldest (Ethel) is 19 years all through school ready for College. Dortha 17 years old is going to high school, they are both nice big girls.) We had a trained nurse for Aunt Mary the last few days, and she died very unexpected after a good nights rest, and just passed a way very peaceful one Tuesday Morning about 6 O'clock. She left a will, and so her things are all locked up here in the house there will be a sale before long, for she left her estate to be equally devided among her Brothers, Sisters and Granddaughters. So things will have to be sold and settled up. Grant Pike is not married, he preaches north of here about 25 miles.

all the other Uncles and Aunts are getting along old fashioned, just like they did, when you were around here.

Erats Brown is Married again and living in Montana on a ranch to a nice Man by the Name of Dougherty. She has both Younger Children with her and now has another baby about 3 months old. She is doing well, and getting along nicely.

Berlin is about the same town it was, when you lived here. Mr and Mrs. Lewis Mock are both well, and are living here just as they always did.

Ellen Hartzell has had some bad luck and Misfortune also. Her house burned down about 2 years ago. She has lived since in her old rash house. Last Spring the folding bed she has slept in since the fire closed on her and she was caught in that bed all night. not found until 9 oclock next day she was nearly dead, and has not been well well since. the Children took her on a cot to Alliance and she is now at Athens, only able to walk a little. but the Dr said she never will get over it, or be well again.

If Mama had only been a few years younger, I would sent her out to spent the winter with you as there was a family from Berlin went to California last week that Mama could of went with so nicely for they were great friends of ours. But Mama is not strong enough to make the trip and I was afraid she might get sick on your hands. I know you have enough to do, but we talked about it, and Mama would like to come and see you very much. I suppose you have a nice family and very interesting. I would like to see them all. And the time may come when I may come with my little family. And of course will come and see you. When convenient write us again, for we enjoy your letters so much.

I was at Cleveland short time ago, was to see Archie, and found them all well.

Good Night.

Our best to all of you

Amy Smith